Date: October 5, 2010

To: AOC

From: Tom Hunt

Subject: Minutes from September 27, 2010 Meeting

Attendees: Shane Drefcinski, Amanda Tucker, P.B. Ravikumar, Mark Meyers, Mittie Nimocks, and Tom Hunt

Guest: Dan Fairchild Fine Arts (general education)

Minutes were approved.

No announcements.

Dan Fairchild walked the committee through a document entitled General Education Assessment Overview, Department of Performing and Visual Arts, Fine Arts Courses. Professor Fairchild, on the whole, believed that the fine arts area is doing very well in meeting the competencies prescribed by the General Education Program.

The problem faced by the fine arts area is an age-old quandary of working to deliver elements of high culture to a begrudging group with a ‘natural aversion’ to the idea and content of the arts. How does one help an individual develop competency in an area of learning that is not valued.

Because faculty are artistically sound and have rededicated themselves to a renewal in teaching general education courses, they have overcome obstacles to deliver sound, diverse, and steady programming.

Recurring issues include: staffing shortages, replacement of aging texts and ancillary materials, obsolete technology, developing an assessment model that reflects the latent nature of the role that the arts play in lifelong enrichment.

Fairchild concluded with the remark that though there are concerns and problems, exit surveys suggest overall success. Further, the program area will never relax its efforts to bring forth quality education in the fine arts to our students.

Adjourned ~4:50pm

Respectfully submitted TC Hunt